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Watergate-- New 'Link' to White House

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Federal investigators have determined that officials of the White House were regularly kept informed last May and June of some of the information obtained through the illegal wiretapping of the Democratic National Committee headquarters, sources close to the case said yesterday.

They said that typed reports of the bugged conversations — which were prepared by a secretary working at the Committee for the Re-election of the President—were not transmitted to the White House in full.

Instead, the sources said, a committee official apparently edited the typed report to send only the most significant political information to the White House.

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It could not be immediately learned who received the documents, nor was it known which member of the re-election committee staff processed the material. And it was not immediately known whether the White House recipients of the wiretap information were fully aware of its origin.

Sources reported that the documents contained highly confidential information about the Democrats' planning for their national convention in Miami Beach, as well as details on the selection of delegates.

The existence of the wiretap reports among high officials of the re-election committee had been previously reported, but until now there has been no indication that any of that information was passed on to White House officials and political aides there.

It is known that at least three White House aides maintained regular contact with the re-election committee during the last campaign. They are H. R. Haldeman, President Nixon's

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chief of staff; Charles W. Colson, special counsel to the President and one of the leading political strategists; and Ken W. Clawson, the deputy director of communications for the executive branch who reported to Colson.

Clawson's main responsibility during the campaign was to control the operations in which various major Republican figures — known as "surrogates" — traveled the country making speeches on the President's behalf.

Colson supervised — among his many other responsibilities — the efforts to attract blue-collar and ethnic voters.

Haldeman generally served as the link on all matters of substance between the committee and the President.

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